tion of Lt. Walters as president, this Club grew in membership from 38 to 250 last year. We are sponsoring a "Junior Membership Contest" with prizes for the juniors bringing the most members into the Club. We feel that the future growth of the hobby depends upon guiding and informing the youngsters in the more important phases of numismatics. – DAVID L. SIMMONS, Pres.

Fifty-five members were present at the January 16 meeting of **Utah Numismatic Society**. Promptness prizes were won by Max Smith, Mel Beesley, Irene Plant and Mary Spillman. The following officers for 1961 have been elected: president, Joseph W. Plant, Sr.; vice president, Robert E. Glade; secretary-treasurer, Joseph W. Sterner; directors, Karl C. Dean and Norman Shultz; librarian, Dee Bradshaw; curator, David P. Sugden. Retiring president Karl Dean was presented a $5 gold piece in recognition of his services, and the other officers received cast aluminum plaques of the club seal, beautifully done by Dave Sugden. Honorary membership in the Society was voted to Mrs. Rae V. Biester, Superintendent of the U. S. Philadelphia Mint, and to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, new Treasurer of the United States. Donations to the Fred W. Zastrow Memorial collection were as follows: Karl Dean – a 1960 proof set and 1896 dollar; Lowell D. Reese – an 1885-O dollar; and Clifford Crane – a 1937 Oregon Trail half dollar. In the auction, a fine 1909-S VDB cent brought $51.00. – C. E. CRANE, Editor, *The Utah Mintmaster.*

The **Chicago Coin Club** has announced that its annual Fall Festival is "going national" and will be greatly expanded to the three days of October 13-15. Activities, such as a big bourse of about a hundred noted dealers, exhibits, auction and other events usually associated with large regional conventions, will be held in the Hotel Sherman. The American Numismatic Association, Central States Numismatic Society and the Professional Numismatist Guild have been invited to hold their interim board meetings during the Festival. "Watch for further announcements, or, if you're in a hurry, write me," said General Chairman Harry X Boosel, Second Fl., 65 E. South Water St., Chicago 1, Ill. "Chicago, the numismatic crossroads of the world. Eventually – everything and everybody comes to Chicago!"

Having completed his term in office, Chicago Coin Club President Glenn B. Smedley hands over the gavel to the newly elected president, Hugh M. Knight. Smedley in his many activities with the A.N.A. did an outstanding job for the C.C.C. Knight has collected coins for over thirty-five years and is Coin Editor of the Chicago SUN-TIMES.

The **Oak Park (Ill.) Coin Club** held its 119th meeting on January 13, with an attendance of ninety and the new president, James Grebinger, presiding. Committee chairmen for 1961 were announced as follows: auctions, Win Hagey; National Coin Week activities, Larry Brueck; annual Open House show in November, Irving Harris; exhibits, Fred I. Catalano; *Prattle* editor, Francine Moment; programs, Glenn Smedley. Harry Flower presented the Past President's medal to Irving Harris, with commendations for his accomplishments in 1960. We had twelve excellent exhibits by members, most of whom gave short talks about them. The program consisted of a quiz, with members being asked to give answers and comments on fifteen numismatic questions. A panel of three "experts" decided (amid some heckling) that Don Doswell contributed most to the dissemination of knowledge and awarded him the prize of a 1959 mint set. All communications to this club should be addressed to P. O. Box 167, Oak Park, Ill. – S. A. VAN PETTEN, Sec.

The **Chattanooga Coin Club** announces the following officers for 1961: president, R. J. Partain; vice president, John E. Steffner; secretary, Wm. G. Swafford, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. Harris E. Clark. We meet the third Monday monthly at the Brainerd Branch building of American National Bank. All communications should be directed to the secretary at 5321 Connell St., Chattanooga 11, Tenn. – WM. G. SWAFFORD, Sec.

Late in the past year, the **Missouri Numismatic Society**, St. Louis, lost two of its top officers as President Stanley B. McClintock, Jr. resigned due changing to a new location, and W. G. Arnold passed away following a serious illness. Following the election at the January 9 meeting, we have the following new officers: president, Edward Boehme, Sr.; vice president, Albert H. Wick; secretary, Mrs. Bernice Stevenson; treasurer, John S. Stevenson; governors, Tom Elder, Charles Page, Christian Schlather and Joseph Rataj, the latter two having been re-elected. We are glad to report that the St. Louis Coin Festival at the Statler Hotel on October 29 and 30 was most successful, having been attended by some 750 persons. As a result, we have admitted thirty-one new members and have had well over a hundred in attendance at the last three meetings. Christian Schlather, an authority on the various facets of collecting gold coins, gave a most informative and comprehensive talk on the current gold situation which was timely. – MRS. BERNICE STEVENSON, Sec.

Members of the **Philadelphia Coin Club**, at its 307th meeting in January, voted to advocate to President Kennedy that Mrs. Rae V. Biester be retained as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint. Professor Thompson of the Glassboro State Teachers College spoke on the Frank N. Stewart collection of books and papers relating to the first U. S. mint. Exhibitors included Frank Lacheen – a 1907 proof set; Ernst Kraus – new issue coins and the inaugural medal; Paul Wilkening – stamps and coins on buttons and patterns of Argentina. The latter was voted the best of the evening. – THOMAS E. WERNER, Sec.